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In the Matter of the Application of Arizona-American Water Company

Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343

Enclosed is an original and 14 copies of our Rebuttal Testimony of Desi Howe. Please conform one of the copies, and return it to us in the envelope provided. Thank you for your consideration.

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Desi Howe testifies that:

The Club receives water for irrigation purposes from the Company pursuant to the Anthem-Agua Fria Wastewater District Effluent Rate, as adopted in Commission Decision 72047. Decision 72047 also ordered the docket in this proceeding to remain open for the purpose of considering the design and implementation of stand-alone revenue requirements and rate designs for the deconsolidation of the Anthem-Agua Fria Wastewater District.

The Effluent Rate was specially adopted by the Commission in Decision 72047, after the submission of testimony and evidence by Effluent Rate customers and the Company. None of the Effluent Rate customers were parties to the settlement agreement that gave rise to this deconsolidation proceeding. The Club supports the positions of DMB White Tank, LLC and Commission Staff that, whether or not the Commission orders deconsolidation and the adoption of stand-alone rates, the Effluent Rate should remain unchanged.

The Club takes no position on deconsolidation, but defers to the Commission's discretion as to whether deconsolidation should be ordered in this case.

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	7	A. Yes. I testified in the present case, through the submission of "Direct Testimony Regarding		
	8	Issues Other Than Rate Structure," dated February 22, 2010, and "Direct Testimony Regarding Rate		
	9	Structure and Rate Consolidation," dated May 30, 2010.		
	10	II. <u>PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY</u>		
	11	Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY REGARDING WASTEWATER		
21 East Carrillo Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101	12	SYSTEM DECONSOLIDATION IN THIS CASE?		
	13	A. For a summary of my testimony, please see the preceding Executive Summary.		
	14	III. THE CREATION OF THE EFFLUENT RATE		
21 Sant	15	Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPANY'S EFFLUENT		
	16	RATE, AS SET FORTH IN COMMISSION DECISION 72047.		
	17	A. The Club receives water for irrigation purposes from the Company pursuant to the Anthem-		
	18	Agua Fria Wastewater District Effluent Rate, as adopted in Commission Decision 72047. Prior to		
	19	the Commission's adoption of Decision 72047, the Club received the same water for irrigation		
	20	purposes from the Company's Anthem Water District pursuant to its Non-Potable Irrigation Rate.		
	21	On February 22, 2010, the Club submitted "Direct Testimony Regarding Issues other than Rate		
	22	Structure," and on May 3, 2010, the Club submitted "Direct Testimony Regarding Rate Structure		
	23	and Rate Design." The Club, along with DMB White Tanks and Corte Bella, requested that the		
	24	Commission set the Effluent Rate at \$250/acre-foot delivered by the Anthem-Agua Fria Wastewater		
	25	District. The Company requested that the Effluent Rate be set at this price as well. Through		
	26	Decision 72047, the Commission found this rate to be reasonable and adopted it as requested.		
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**INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS** 

My name is Charles Desmond "Desi" Howe, Jr. My business address is 2708 W. Anthem

PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE

Club Drive, Anthem, Arizona 85086, and my business telephone number is 623-742-6201.

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE COMMISSION?

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During the Commission's December 2010 Open Meeting, an agreement was reached among the Company, the Anthem Community Council, the Residential Utility Consumer Office, and Commission Staff regarding a number of issues unrelated to the Commission's adoption of an Effluent Rate for the Anthem-Agua Fria Wastewater District. The settlement agreement additionally included the Company's agreement to initiate proceedings for the deconsolidation of the Anthem-Agua Fria Wastewater District. The Commission adopted the settlement agreement and ordered the docket in this proceeding to remain open for the purpose of considering the design and implementation of stand-alone revenue requirements and rate designs for the deconsolidation of the Anthem-Agua Fria Wastewater District.

## Ο. WHAT IS THE CLUB'S POSITION ON THE EFFECT OF POTENTIAL **DECONSOLIDATION ON THE COMPANY'S EFFLUENT RATE?**

A. The Effluent Rate approved in Decision 72047 was specially adopted by the Commission after the submission of testimony and evidence by the primary Effluent Rate customers, Commission Staff and the Company. None of the Effluent Rate customers were parties to the settlement agreement that gave rise to this deconsolidation proceeding. The Club supports the positions of DMB White Tank, LLC and Commission Staff that whether or not the Commission orders deconsolidation and the adoption of stand-alone rates, the Effluent Rate should remain unchanged.

### V. **DECONSOLIDATION**

# O. DOES THE CLUB TAKE A POSITION REGARDING THE DECONSOLIDATION OF THE ANTHEM-AGUA FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT?

No. The Club defers to the Commission's discretion as to whether deconsolidation should be ordered in this case.

### IV. CONCLUSION

- 0. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY REGARDING THE DECONSOLIDATION OF THE ANTHEM-AGUA FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT?
- Yes. A.

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